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UATION

1. DEFENSE MINISTRY PERMSEC KIEREINI TOLD DCM JULY 26
THAT KENYA ARMED FORCES ALERT HAD BEEN DECREASED "A BIT,"
BUT THAT ENOUGH MARGIN HAD BEEN RETAINED TO "MOBILIZE
QUICKLY IF WE NEED TO." ASKED WHETHER GOK THOUGHT THAT
AMIN'S REQUEST TO OTHER COUNTRIES AND UN FOR OBSERVERS
MEANT THAT A UGANDAN ATTACK ON KENYA IS LESS LIKELY OR
AT LEAST LESS IMMINENT, KIEREINI REPLIED IN NEGATIVE
ADDING THAT GOK OFFICIALS FEEL THAT AMIN WILL ATTACK
KENYA WHEN HE IS READY "NO MATTER WHAT OTHERS MIGHT THINK."

2. KIEREINI SAID GOK HAS NO FRESH EVIDENCE TO CONFIRM
PRESENCE OF LIBYAN MILITARY AIRCRAFT IN UGANDA, BUT IS
CONVINCED THAT THERE ARE PALESTINIAN PILOTS PRESENT
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IN UGANDA WHO ARE BOTH WILLING AND ABLE TO FLY UGANDA

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AIR FORCE MIG'S. AS FOR POSSIBILITY OF BOMBING MOMBASA OIL REFINERY, GOK OFFICIALS DOUBT THAT EITHER UGANDAN MIG-21 AIRCRAFT OR LIBYAN MIRAGES (IF LATTER ARE INDEED PRESENT IN UGANDA) COULD MAKE BOMBING RUN TO MOMBASA AND HAVE ENOUGH FUEL TO RETURN TO UGANDA. HOWEVER, THEY SPECULATE THAT SUCH AIRCRAFT COULD IN THEORY BOMB MOMBASA REFINERY AND SEEK EMERGENCY LANDING (WITH RISK OF SEIZURE) ON NEARBY PEMBA ISLAND IN TANZANIA.

3. KIEREINI SAID THERE WOULD BE TOP-LEVEL MEETING OF GOK OFFICIALS LATER TODAY TO DECIDE WHETHER FOREIGN MINISTER WAIYAKI, WHO HAS JUST RETURNED TO KENYA, SHOULD CONVOKE SPECIAL MEETING OF ALL CHIEFS OF DIPLOMATIC MISSIONS IN NAIROBI ON JULY 27 TO PUT CURRENT KENYAN/UGANDAN RELATIONS IN PERSPECTIVE TO OFFSET PRESIDENT AMIN'S MISLEADING ALLEGATIONS.

4. TEMPORARY DEFENSE LIAISON OFFICER LT. COL. ANDERSON ALSO ATTENDED THIS MEETING AT DEFENSE MINISTRY AND WILL REPORT SEPARATELY ON KIEREINI'S RESPONSE TO HIS REQUEST FOR SUPPLEMENTAL BRIEFINGS ON CURRENT MILITARY SITUATION.
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